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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - MARCH 12.

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1. SUMMARY:

-- COVERAGE OF THE U.S. CONTINUES BASICALLY  
NEGATIVE. PRAVDA CARRIES A LONG HARSH ARTICLE BY ITS  
SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN NEW YORK, N. KUDYUMOV (SEPTTEL);

-- CENTRAL PRESS CONTINUES TO FOCUS ON THE  
POSSIBILITIES OF INCREASED UK-SOVIET TRADE, IN A BUILD-  
UP FOR GROMYKO'S VISIT LATER THIS MONTH;

-- PRAVDA REPORTS THAT SIAD MET WITH PODGORNYY  
(SEPTTEL);

-- COVERAGE OF LEBANON IS FAIRLY STRAIGHTFORWARD,  
BUT KEEPS THE THREAT OF ISRAELI INTERVENTION ALIVE  
DAND WELL;

-- AND A REPORT FROM ANGOLA HINTS THAT THE MPLA  
MAY BE HAVING TROUBLE ORGANIZING ITS FIRST HARVEST.  
END SUMMARY.

2. U.S. AND DETENTE. IZVESTIYA (MARCH 11) AND  
KRASNAYA ZVEZDA (MARCH 12) CARRY BRIEF REPORTS  
ON ALLEGED GROWING TERRORISM IN THE U.S., AND CITE AS  
PROOF THE CLAIM THAT 153 BOMBS WERE EXPLODED IN JANUARY  
ALONE. KZ ALSO CARRIES A UPI PHOTO SHOWING THE  
CONSTRUCTION OF CRUISE MISSILES. NOVOYE VREMYA  
(MARCH 12) SAYS PRESIDENT FORD'S DECISION NOT TO  
USE THE WORD IS NOT SIGNIFICANT. NV AGAIN  
DENIES THE EXISTENCE OF ANY SOVIET VIOLATION OF THE  
SALT TREATY.

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3. UNITED KINGDOM. CENTRAL PRESS CONTINUES ITS INTEREST  
IN THE SEMINAR IN NEWCASTLE AS SEVERAL ARTICLES TIED TO  
INCREASED UK-SOVIET TRADE ARE CARRIED. PRAVDA'S REPORT  
STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF PM WILSON'S VISIT TO MOSCOW  
LAST YEAR, AS WELL AS SUBSEQUENT CONTACTS BETWEEN SOVIETS  
AND UK BUSINESSMEN. COMMENT. THE STRESS ON THE WILSON  
VISIT COULD CONCEIVABLY SUGGEST THAT THE SOVIETS INTEND

TO PUSH SERIOUSLY FOR A BREZHNEV VISIT TO THE UK THIS  
SUMMER. END COMMENT.

4. MIDDLE EAST. CENTRAL PRESS CARRIES REASONABLY  
BALANCED COVERAGE OF THE SITUATION IN LEBANON AND THE  
MUTINIES IN THE ARMY. THE MUTINEERS ARE IDENTIFIED  
AS MUSLIMS, AND THE REPORTS STATE THE SITUATION IN THE  
ARMY HAS CREATED "DEEP UNREST" IN LEBANESE POLITICAL  
AND GOVERNMENTAL CIRCLES. THE REPORTS CONCLUDE WITH  
REFERENCES TO THE DANGER PRESENTED BY POSSIBLE ISRAELI  
INTERVENTION IN SOUTHERN LEBANON "UNDER THE PRETEXT  
OF LIQUIDATING THE DANGER ON ITS BORDERS." PRAVDA  
CARRIES A TASS REPORT FROM CAIRO THAT ROMANIA INFORMED  
THE ARAB LEAGUE BOYCOTT OFFICE THAT BUCHAREST WILL NOT  
RENEW A CONTRACT WITH ISRAEL WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE  
TRANSSHIPMENT OF IRANIAN OIL THROUGH THE PORT OF ELIAT.  
ACCORDING TO PRAVDA, IN THE FUTURE ROMANIA WILL SHIP  
ITS OIL THROUGH THE SUZE CANAL.

5. AFRICA. ON ANGOLA, PRAVDA REPORTS THE MPLA HAS  
MOUNTED A DRIVE TO GET STUDENTS AND OTHER CITY-DWELLERS  
OUT IN THE FIELDS TO ASSIST BRINGING IN "FIRST POST-  
INDEPENDENCE HARVEST." THE PRAVDA ACCOUNT IMPLIES THAT  
ONE POSITIVE EFFECT OF THIS PROGRAM WILL BE AN  
INCREASED AWARENESS ON THE PART OF THE STUDENTS OF THE  
"CARES AND PROBLEMS" OF THE PEASANTS. PRAVDA CARRIES  
A BRIEF TASS REPORT FROM NEW YORK THAT THE UN  
COMMITTEE ON NAMIBIA EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE STRUGGLE  
BEING WAGED BY SWAPO, AND ADDS THAT THE SWAPO SPOKES-  
MAN (R. KHAUVANGA, PHON) DECLARED THAT "THE LIBERATION  
MOVEMENT OF THE PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA" IS BEING SUPPRESSED.

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